

opinion developed today when the original orders which the War Department gave Major-General Frederick Funston were made public.

Recurrence of the reports that American troops were to be withdrawn from Mexico were met today at the State Department with a statement by Secretary Lansing that no

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OFFER SETTLEMENT OF HARBOR MATTER

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ing of the harbor and legislative committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The legislative act which gave Oakland control of the tide lands, gave the persons who had bought them, and who thought they owned them, certain preferential rights to twenty-five year leases on their respective properties. These rights I call the "statutory rights" of the lessees. In general outline, the plan of settlement is as follows:

APPRAISAL OF RIGHTS.
Create a special appraisal board of three thoroughly qualified persons, who have the confidence of the whole community, their appointment made by the city and ratified by the lessees, to appraise and fix the value of the "statutory rights" of the lessees. The chairman of such board might well be one of the judges of our much respected superior court. Appoint a non-aligned harbor commission of three persons specially qualified for the purpose to supervise the harbor activities of the city.

The procedure will then be as follows:
(a) The appraisal board will hold sessions, receive testimony, hear argument and fix the value of the "statutory rights" of every lessee and make a formal report to the council. This report the council will adopt in the fullest opportunity. The ordinance and public discussion. The ordinance when adopted will constitute substantially a statement of the value of the city and the lessees, wherein each lessee will have a credit equal to the appraised value of his "statutory rights" and no one will be permitted to take over his property without paying him this credit. Thus, name of lessee, Jones, value of rights, \$5000. Appraised value of leased, Parcel A, appraised value of rights, \$5000.

BIDDING FOR LEASES.
(b) When the appraising is completed and the ordinance is adopted, all of the leased property will be thrown up to public bid, on the following plan:
Every person desiring to bid will submit a plan of business and improvement, and a bid for the property. The bid must be in the form of a check, payable to the city, and must be accompanied by a statement of the value of the property, and a statement of the value of the improvements. The bid must be accompanied by a statement of the value of the property, and a statement of the value of the improvements. The bid must be accompanied by a statement of the value of the property, and a statement of the value of the improvements.

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(c) Four things may then happen:
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2. If neither Jones, nor anyone else, at the conclusion of the appraisement wants to bid on a plan of business and improvement, sufficient in the city's judgment to justify the giving up of Parcel A, then Jones keeps his credit, and the city will be permitted to carry on temporarily whatever inadequate business he is doing, if at all. But he may not have the property for twenty-five years without a sufficient business and improvement, nor without putting the lease up to public bid. On the other hand, neither may anyone else take the property until he offers an adequate plan of business and improvement, pays the city for Jones's credit, and the city for Jones's credit, and the city for Jones's credit.

3. A contract may be made between Jones and the city, whereby Jones will give up his credit, and the city will give him a new lease, on the same terms as the old one, but with the improvements, and the city for Jones's credit, and the city for Jones's credit.

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U. S. Scored in Reichstag English Minister Replies

Lord Robert Cecil Takes Up Speech of Von Hollweg

LONDON, April 8.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, made a sharp reply last night to the speech in the Reichstag by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor. Confronted with American correspondents on behalf of the foreign office, Lord Robert gave the suggestion that Germany might abandon her submarine warfare if Great Britain relaxed her food blockade was hardly likely to be obtained by Great Britain, which had no faith that any promise made by Germany regarding submarine warfare would be kept.

"Germany slackened her submarine warfare for some time when the operations of the British navy deprived her of the necessary number of submarines," said Lord Robert, "but has now begun it again. I am convinced that Germany cannot be trusted to keep any promise."

Reviewing the address of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, Lord Robert said: "The Chancellor's speech covers much of the old ground. As usual, he claims that the allies have no legal right to blockade Germany, and that the blockade is in itself illegal precisely in the proportion in which it is effective."

Referring to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's statement that Great Britain alone is responsible for the continuation of the war and that he made proposals last September to which he had received no reply, Lord Robert said:

ALLIES STAND TOGETHER.
"It may be well to make a clear answer to this. By singling out separate powers among the allies, the chancellor endeavors to sow mischief and distrust among them, but he has failed. The allies stand together and have pledged themselves to make peace in common. The chancellor knows this well. He knows, too, and the people of Germany whom he addresses, should know that nothing in any public speech he makes can ever form the basis of peace overtures."

"These perverted speeches in the Reichstag are cunning blends of bombast and peaceful protestations. Through them all runs the deliberate design to nourish German hatred of England above all her allies, to bolster the fiction that the German government is fighting a defensive war, and to forestall any revelation that which the German government most fears—a popular demand in Germany for peace. Never can the allies dignify this attitude by taking it as an overture. The chancellor made his so-called proposals last year solely that he might be able to refer to them virtuously today."

CIVILIZATION'S GREAT MENACE

Constipation is civilization's great menace—and nearly every adult suffers more or less from its devastating influence. Millions of dollars are expended each year for salts, cathartics, pills, etc., to relieve this condition. How much better people would be if they were to cut out the drugs and eat a good bowlful of Dr. Jackson's delicious Roman Meal each morning! This is a natural laxative food, and the most nutritious known. Ask your physician about it. It is guaranteed to relieve constipation or "money back." Follow directions on the package carefully in making porridge. Don't stir.—Advertisement.

U. S. ATTITUDE CONDEMNED.
Count von Westarp, conservative, condemned the attitude of the United States in supplying arms to the entente allies, and continued:

"The German people are firmly resolved to disregard the unjustified demands of America. We shall, of course, respect justified interests of neutrals, but they must acknowledge our duty and right to defend our existence with all means at our disposal."

Dr. Gustave Stresemann, National Liberal, touched upon Europe's probable economic future after the war, saying:

"We already hear warning voices which raise the problem of Europe and America. People ask what will be their relations after the war. Europe after the war will be a quivering body, bleeding from a thousand wounds, and Germany will be the same. America, on the other hand, is better off than ever. America, you are better off than ever."

Dr. Stresemann remarked that the economic advance of the United States during the war would give it a preponderance which would touch Germany, but would affect England still more.

SHARP WEAPONS URGED.
The correspondent quotes Dr. Gustav Stresemann, national liberal, as follows:

"Against the more stringent blockade of Germany, which was decided upon at the Paris conference, we must use our sharp weapons in order to bridge England's arrogance. Just interests of neutrals must be respected, as has hitherto been done by the government in the strictest manner. America has interpreted the idea of neutrality in a manner incompatible with the German contention. It is an unjustifiable demand that armed merchantmen should be permitted to sail unhindered within the war zone."

"Every month brings record figures for American trade, obtained by taking full advantage of the situation in Europe. The result of this interpretation of American neutrality is to cause great excitement among us."

There was an uproar in the Reichstag yesterday when the correspondent says, when Hugo Haase, leader of the newly formed Socialist minority group, declared that his party was strongly opposed to partition of Poland and demanded the restoration of Belgium.

"The Baltic peoples, Lithuanians and Letts, did not unite with Germany before the war," said Haase.

BORDER EXPECTS CAPTURE OF VILLA

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such withdrawal is contemplated so far as he knew, and at the War Department by publication, for the first time, of the original order to Major General Funston.

Publication of the order disclosed that it made no mention of taking "Villa dead or alive," which was described as its purpose by officials when it was issued. It was known, however, that such specific wording hardly would be included in an official order.

It was noted, however, that the order does say the work of the American troops would be regarded as finished when the Villa band was known to be broken up and that they would be withdrawn to American territory when the Carranza government was able to relieve them of the chase. When questioned specifically today as to whether a withdrawal of American troops was planned, officials at the State and War Departments uniformly responded that no "immediate withdrawal was contemplated and that it was expected, of course, that the troops would be withdrawn some time."

ORIGINAL ORDER.
The original order given Major General Funston March 10 for the American punitive expedition into Mexico, made public for the first time at the war department today, did not include a direction for the death or capture of Villa, but principally directed dispersal of Villa outlaw bands that attacked Columbus, N. M., on March 9. General Funston's orders in this regard read:

You will promptly organize an adequate force of military troops under the command of Brigadier General John J. Pershing and will direct him to proceed promptly across the border in pursuit of the Mexican band which attacked the town of Columbus, N. M., and the troops there on the morning of March 9. These troops will be withdrawn to American territory as soon as the de facto government of Mexico is able to relieve them of this work. In any event the work of these troops will be regarded as finished as soon as Villa's band or bands are known to be broken up.

TASK NOT FINISHED.
Major-General Scott, chief of staff, said today that General Funston had not yet reported that this task had been accomplished.

The Mexican embassy today announced that no advance had been received from General Carranza that the de facto government forces were prepared or desired to relieve American troops and assuming the task themselves.

RUMORS OF FRICTION.
Rumors of friction between General Funston and Secretary Baker are rife and those in touch with the situation believe them to be true. General Funston has been accused of being a free hand when ordered to perform military services and naturally is unused to that form of supervision which consists, as in this instance, of a public announcement that "General Funston is to have a free hand," followed by petty dictation of details from Washington.

The energetic Kinnan is deeply concerned for the welfare of his troops and is understood to have little patience with the administration's extreme solicitude for the feelings of Carranza. Carranza, as is well known, professed to be in hearty sympathy with the punitive expedition which has the apprehension of the bandit Villa as its purpose, but displays

Haase. "The injustice done to Belgium must be compensated for by her restoration as a state. In 1913 Herr Von Jagow (foreign minister) declared Germany would uphold the neutrality of Belgium. Thus all the more surprising was the chancellor's announcement on August 2, 1914, that German troops probably had crossed the Belgian frontier."

Herr Von Jagow said in reply: "Herr Haase has distasteful again old Belgian stories. When I made the declaration about Belgian neutrality I considered her a neutral country. It has been thoroughly proved that the responsibility for what has happened lies on Belgium's side."

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ATTACKERS ARE GAINING ON VERDUN

Troops of Crown Prince Force French to Fall Back

LONDON, April 8.—The salient in the French lines west of the Meuse, with the village of Bethincourt at its sharp angle, is being pounded on both sides by the Crown Prince's troops, which in their last drive succeeded in making a new dent in the line southwest of Bethincourt.

The success was achieved near Hautcourt village, the important position lost by the French on Wednesday, the Germans gaining a footing in two small fields of battle between Hautcourt and Hill No. 287, which lies two-thirds of a mile to the south of the village.

On the other side of the salient there also has been sharp fighting, but according to Paris today the advantage here was with the French, whose positions were with the French, who bested their adversaries in grenade combats between Bethincourt and Chateauvaut.

A German grenade attack near Fort Vaux was repulsed by the French, whose positions were with the French, who bested their adversaries in grenade combats between Bethincourt and Chateauvaut.

A storm of shells is falling on both sides of the Bethincourt salient, preliminary to another attempt against the village. The defense of the French, who have held their ground for two weeks under tremendous difficulties, has excited the admiration of all England.

Almost surrounded, suffering under a searching fire from scores of German guns, the French have maintained their trenches with a loss of only 300 yards. They have repeatedly repulsed heavy frontal attacks.

A strong Tilton thrust against the west side of the salient, on a front of one mile just east of Hautcourt, was completely defeated after a stubborn struggle at close quarters.

The German losses before Verdun up to the present time have reached the huge total of 200,000 men, one of the greatest battle losses in the whole range of warfare according to estimates made public today from a semi-official source, "the result of careful computation made in the highest quarters, in which the figures have been rigorously checked and verified."

Senators Oppose Federal Nitrate Plant

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Proposals to incorporate in the army increase bill provision for a government nitrate plant was the subject of further debate when the Senate resumed work on the measure today. An amendment by Senator Smith of South Carolina, appropriating \$15,000,000 for such a plant, was the immediate business before the Senate. His amendment would provide that the surplus explicitly over the government's requirements in powder work on the measure today. The project is opposed by several senators on the ground that it is Socialist.

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Bryan Intoxicated! Ex-Pres. Taft Says So

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—In an address on preparedness before a mass meeting yesterday former President William H. Taft and former Assistant Secretary of War Henry Breckinridge declared the United States needed to prepare not for war, but against war.

Mr. Taft denounced the professional pacifists as a menace to national safety. "When Mr. Bryan says he can raise a million men between sunrise and sunset, he is intoxicated by his own fervid oratory," he declared. Mr. Taft urged loyalty to the President in what he termed the present crisis, declaring that "the national existence rests not with forty-eight separate states, but with the United States."

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When you feel a cold coming on, stop it by taking LAXATIVE FROM QUINTINE and thus keep the system in condition to prevent the GRIP. There is only one "GRIP QUINTINE" E. W. ROYCE's signature on box. See—Advertisement.

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Six-Year-Old Girl Killed; Man in Jail

Santa Barbara Child Is Victim of Assault

SANTA BARBARA, April 8.—Following a search of several hours, Renato Marchetti, 6 years old, was found dead late last night in a woodshed about half a block from her home. Several physicians agreed that she was the victim of an assault.

Joseph Del Valle, a man about 65 years old, is held at the police station. The police state the only reason for holding him at this time is that he directed the officer to the shed where the body was found, and it is thought that he may be able to give further information. Del Valle lives in the house adjoining the property where the body was found.

Pioneer Photographer Man Visits Oakland

W. H. Reed, one of the pioneers of the photograph business in this country and one of the founders of the manufacture of the Kodak, is a visitor in Oakland. Reed is in California on a pleasure trip, visiting the West for the first time in some years. He was one of the first men in America to engage in the making of films now the standard for amateur photography, and his interests were the foundation of the great photographic enterprise today. His home is in Rochester. He will visit at the Hotel Oakland for a brief stay.

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Fresh Asparagus Tip—Mustard Dressing
Roast Turkey—Cranberry Sauce
Brown Sweet Potatoes—Garden Peas
Neapolitane Ice Cream—Fancy Cakes
Camembert Cheese—Toasted Crackers

TO CHARGE FOWLER WITH FRATRICIDE

Attends Funeral Then Confesses to Slaying of His Brother-in-Law.

STOCKTON, April 8.—The district attorney's office was busy today preparing a formal charge of murder against Ammon Fowler.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Fowler, with his sister and her children as a mourner at the funeral of Albert Duree, who was killed near Atlanta last Sunday night. Four hours later, in the office of the sheriff in Stockton, he confessed that he had sent his own brother-in-law to death by a blow over the head with the handle of a shovel.

Fowler, a big, brawny man, born in Fresno county twenty-seven years ago, made a complete confession to the officers after being arrested at the house of his sister immediately following the funeral of his victim. "I placed him with a shovel handle," he told the sheriff. "After I got his pulse and knew he was dead, I went over to his house and got his pistol, which I placed at his side. I put one cartridge in the gun and another at Duree's side. I thought somebody would think an automobile had hit him and that nobody would be suspected of the murder. If an innocent man had been accused I would have come forward and confessed."

Democrats Kick at Campaign Assessment

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Mrs. Nora Rasmussen, one of the Democratic nominees for delegate to the national convention, reported to the Ingot Club last night that there was much dissatisfaction among the twenty-six nominees for a \$50 assessment that had been levied by the state campaign committee appointed by Chairman Sidney Van Wyck.

Mrs. Rasmussen said that the delegates had been at first informed that the money was needed to pay for the circulation of nomination petitions, but when they learned that the cost of the petitions was not over \$300, there was a revolt. Then there was a meeting, she said, attended by Van Wyck, Postmaster, Fay and other prominent Democrats, when it was explained that all the money collected over the petition expenses would be used in the campaign to elect the delegates.

"But there is no campaign," Mrs. Rasmussen contended. "We have no opposition. Nothing is being done for us. But I understand only eight of the nominees, myself among the number, paid the assessment."

Two Pennies Reward for Bank Burglars

PARLER, Ark., April 8.—After cutting all telegraph and telephone wires running out of the town, robbers wrecked the outer door to the vault of the Parkin Home Bank at Parkin, Ark., near here, yesterday and got two pennies and a worthless pistol for their trouble. The overlooked the compartment in which the bank's funds were kept. The attempted robbery was discovered when the bank opened today.

No Hay for Horses in City of Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., April 8.—Several thousand horses in Portland will go supperless tonight. Not a bale of hay is to be had in the city at any price. Supplies of hay are reported scarce throughout the state and the stock on hand here was exhausted several days ago.

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NORMA AND CONSTANCE TALMADGE, WHO WILL APPEAR AT THE FRANKLIN, COMMENCING TOMORROW, IN "MARTHA'S VINDICATION."

Great Camera Production Tells Old Story in New Way With Gripping Force of Truth

A cluster of stars will be presented in a new "Triangle play" at the Franklin theater, commencing tomorrow. They are Norma Talmadge, Seena Owen, Tully Marshall, Ralph Lewis and others, who have earned the right to be called real screen players. The play in which they appear is declared to be one of the best of its kind that has ever been shown as a film drama. It is entitled, "Martha's Vindication," and contains a welcome and rare variation of the much-used theme of the betrayed and deserted girl. Mrs. Risks appeared some seasons ago in a Norwegian drama having the same name, playing the part of a young woman whose fatherless lover is drowned before he can marry her, the bereavement resulting in lasting disgrace to her. It is curious that the plot should be so little used, for, while in real life most girls who go astray do so through overconfidence in deceitful young men, there are some who find dishonor through sheer inability of their lovers to wed. Perhaps the motion picture is the best medium yet discovered for conveying such lessons of virtue. It tells searching truths without brutality or offense. And it is imperative that these cases in point find expression, for they are vital factors of life. No eloquence can utter a sermon with such effectiveness as the picture, and of this "Martha's Vindication" is a striking example.

During the course of the photoplay's action there is set forth an instance of female constancy laudable to an extreme and what is more remarkable still, constancy between women. To Martha, played by Norma Talmadge, who figures prominently in plot and title, is given the onerous task of caring for the natural child of her devoted girl friend, Dorothy (Seena Owen), and, though an enemy tries to make it appear that the child is hers, she reveals nothing of the true state of affairs until Dorothy makes the necessary explanations.

The situation is presented with such naturalness and in such a convincing sequence of cumulative scenes and the dramatic qualities have been so well realized that the spectator is kept at a high pitch of suspense. The story also satirizes small town religious hypocrisy and bigotry, a popular motif just now, particularly in certain towns, not far distant from Oakland.

Well, folks, the Poppy Party tomorrow is to be a huge success! If tomorrow evening you see big machines buzzing by returning from the hills with happy faced children clutching huge bunches of wild flowers, you'll know there's a Good Fellow at the wheel of that car and the Blue Bird has been brought home to an unexpected but none the less welcome window.

Many a crippled or lonely child will have its soul broadened, its heart gladdened and its body refreshed by a trip into the beautiful foothills where Dame Nature awaits little folk and embraces them lovingly. Lord bless you, it's such a simple stunt, too, and a joy for all concerned. We're quite proud to have suggested it.

We wonder if every one is waiting to see whether the "other fellow" is going to step forward and give that railroad ticket to the little home in the Sierras for Muriel. It isn't every day that you get a chance to be a life-saver. Some go through life without ever having the opportunity of saving the life of some fellow-being. Don't you think that you'd like the knowledge that you had been instrumental in prolonging Muriel's life and making her mother and grandmother happy? Life is pretty cheap when it sells for fifteen dollars, isn't it? Yet, if every one said: "Oh, some one is sure to do it," nobody really would.

Some one today said that they'd give \$5 if two others would do the same. Will the two others kindly telephone us?

Now, what do you think of this? Today two of the happiest faced little girls that any one ever wanted to look upon walked into this office, their little pocket-books bulging and bagging under the weight of \$1.52 in pennies, nickels and dimes. "You can take this money and do whatever you want with it for some of the poor people," was what one of the little girls said. "Three of us and another boy gave a penny-penny-penny show and this is what we made."

Well, if you have never believed that people get happiness out of giving you should have seen these faces. Their eyes sparkled and danced like little moths in the weathered with happy smiles. If every one was as anxious to help this good work along as these children are there would be few people in want.

Do you want to know what we are going to do with this money? All right, we will tell you. We are going to give a poor family who are hungry and cold for the want of food and clothes a grocery order for the full amount of every penny, nickel and dime collected at the penny-penny-penny show. In the family there are seven small children and they shall be told just how this money was earned. We leave it to the imagination of the reader, the gratefulness that will be felt in the hearts of this destitute family, for the little girls and boys who so willingly gave their pennies to help mankind.

In conclusion we might add that this would not be a bad example for other little girls and boys to follow. Here is a letter which we received today:

Having read of the many good things done by the Good Fellows,

COMMISSION DENIES DECISIONS' LEAK

Rumor in Financial District Is Met by Positive Statement.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Charges that advance information of decisions of the State Railroad commission has been circulated in the financial district, were made the subject of an informal statement by the commission this morning. In the absence of President Max Thelen and several of the other commissioners in Los Angeles it was stated at the office that there was no possibility of any underground "leak," and that the method of signing and handling decisions was such that information, as to their contents could not possibly leave the office until it was made public through the regular channels.

The commission will not make the matter the subject of an investigation as it was stated that gossip regarding the probable action of boards of inquiry and courts is being traded in continually by people who claim inside information and who make guesses as to the outcome of matters pending.

The commission, has a regular system of making public its findings and this has been so safeguarded that immediately on the signing of an opinion by the commission writing it, its contents and meaning is given out for publication and is communicated to the parties concerned.

Life Term for Murder of Couple Is Sentence

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 8.—M. D. Bosseman, a farmer, pleaded guilty in the circuit court here today to second degree murder in having shot and killed Mr. and Mrs. Luther Akers at Wilderville, near here, February 27. After giving his version of the tragedy Bosseman was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The Akers couple were waylaid while driving to church on a Sunday morning. They were shot without warning and after they had fallen from their wagon Bosseman killed their two horses. Bosseman and his wife had long been engaged in a dispute over broken fences.

Freight Manager for State to Be Named

SACRAMENTO, April 8.—Who'll be manager of the state's bureau of freight distribution? The job is open today, following the meeting of decisions fruit growers and shippers here, but the question is as big as needs must be the caliber of the man filling the place—who will he be?

The man who fills the place must be:

1. A recognized expert on fruit distribution.
2. A man in whom fruit shippers and growers can place the utmost confidence.
3. A man of original ideas.

The salary for the position has not been announced.

The fruit growers and distributors of the state will meet and select a committee of five. These five will select the manager.

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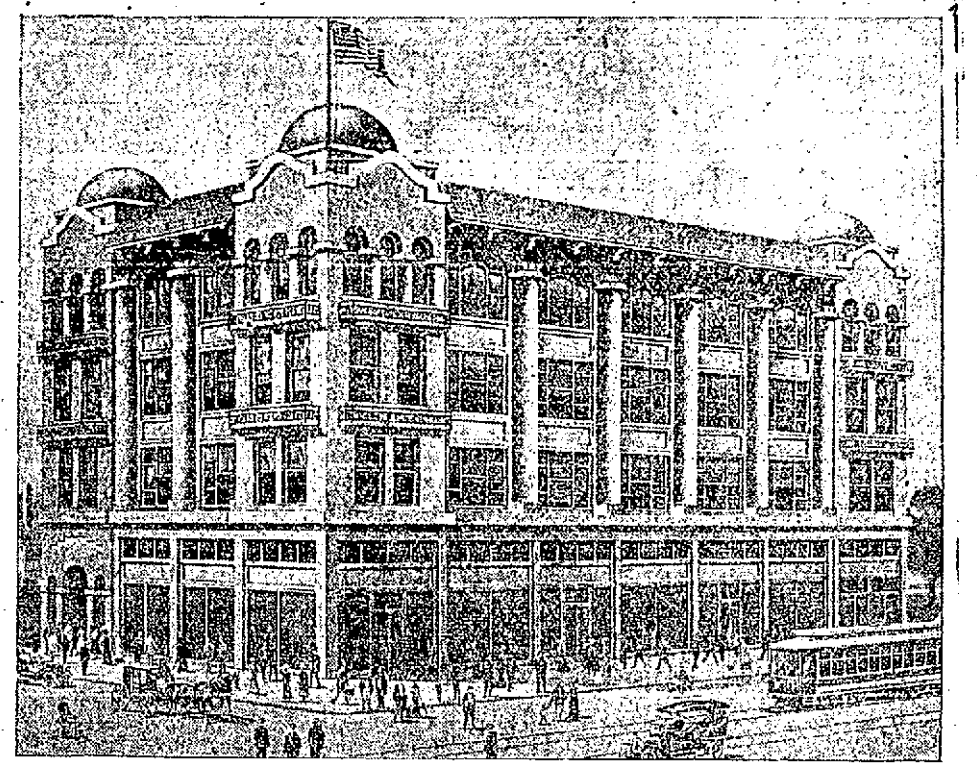
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Ice Pack Cracks Small Boat in Goose Bay

SEWARD, Alaska, April 8.—Captain Sam Cramer's gasoline launch Traveler, which was the first vessel to force its way through the Cook Inlet ice field to Anchorage this year, was wrecked in the ice Wednesday in Goose Bay. The crew endeavored to row ashore through a narrow passage between the ice floes, but the ice closed in on their small boat, which was crushed into kindling wood. The men clamped onto the ice cakes and managed to make their way safely to land over the ice.

Foreigners Barred From Mexican Land

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Acquisition of land within the borders of Mexico by Americans or other foreigners is prohibited hereafter, according to a decree issued recently by the Carranza Department of Justice and received here from Don de Negri, Mexican Consul-General.

In the future, the edict provides, all foreigners who desire to obtain any real estate or land holdings in Mexico must first become citizens of the republic.

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TOMORROW AND ALL WEEK

THE SCREEN'S GREATEST

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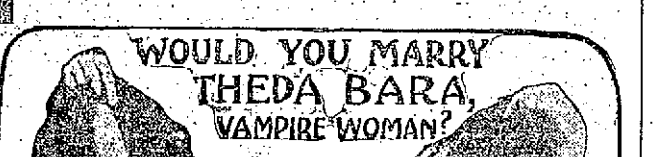
STAR IN A NEW PLAY

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OF MEN

WOULD YOU MARRY THEDA BARA, VAMPIRE WOMAN?



WICKED OR BEAUTIFUL?

IS DEATH ITS CARESS?

DO THESE LIPS LURE YOU?

THEDA BARA

in

"GOLD and the WOMAN"

Also a Big

Vaudeville Show

The Meddler

Near's skating party on the 14th. They have engaged an ice rink in San Francisco for that evening, and some of those who will skate gracefully over this ice at the party are: Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Walker, the George Camerons, Gus and Will Taylor, Chauncey Pennoyers and Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Judge, with Miss Marhan Zelle.

They are all learning.

The other morning Mrs. McNear went down to the rink for her daily figure 8 with an instructor, and took her small son with her. He sat patiently on the side lines while his mother struggled bravely, and presently a small girl slid up and asked him if he cared to try. Presently his mother looked up to see her son, who had never had an ice skate on before in his life, flying about the rink like a swallow. It was discouraging, she said, the way he "beat her to it."

Mr. and Mrs. McNear and a number of other San Francisco guests will cross the bay for the garden

WEDNESDAY will be golf day. Everyone will motor out to the Sequoyah Country Club and the road to Elmhurst will be thick with cars and bright with color.

One of the keenest women's tournaments played on this side of the bay will delight the "fans," and tea later on the terrace will divert the less enthusiastic.

However, if one isn't an enthusiast over golf these days, it is expedient to conceal it. Society is golfing more madly than ever. Not to be at least interested is socially indiscreet.

Sportsmen point to the condition with pleasure. Golf coming into its own, they say, and a healthy love of sport spreading among sets once abandoned to the tango. Possibly. But to a casual person without prejudice it looks awfully as though sports clothes had a lot to do with it.

They are fascinating this year. Every one wants to wear them and it naturally would make sport popular.

An interesting list of golf stars will appear in the Sequoyah tournament. Miss Edith Chesebrough among them. She, by the way, wears dark wool golf suits built by her brother's tailor. But Mrs. Fred McNear, who is to play for the honor of the San Francisco Golf Club, has clinging silk things in alluring colors and is distracting on the links.

Mrs. James Tyson is to give a large luncheon at the club before the games, and there will be bridge on the terrace for those who neither play nor "trail." Afterward tea on the terrace for everyone.

Some of the players will be: Mrs. Dennis Searles, captain of the Sequoyah women's team; Miss Marie Tyson, of the Claremont Country Club; Mrs. Julian Thorne, captain of the women's team of the San Francisco Golf Club, with Mrs. Gus Taylor, Mrs. A. R. Pommer, Mrs. Fred McNear, Miss Edith Chesebrough, Mrs. McMullin, Mrs. Max Rothschild, captain of the Burlingame team; Mrs. Douglas Watson, captain of the Menlo Country Club women's team; Mrs. H. H. Sherwood, captain of the Claremont team; Mrs. Charles Whigale, Mrs. John Griffin and Miss Alice Knowles.

TEA FOR SALE OF EASTER CARDS.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Louise Mahoney's studio in San Francisco was the scene of a busy tea. Hostess and receiving party did a rushing business selling Easter cards for a French hospital fund, and everyone brought them in dozens. Mrs. Oscar Fitzalan Long, who, with Mrs. Lincoln Karmany, Mrs. R. A. Bray and Mrs. Edward Lacey Brayton, had the cards printed with George Sterling's verses, is sending over 1000 to her friends for Easter. They certainly are an inspiration to extend Easter greetings this year.

Miss Leonore Meijla, who received at the tea yesterday, took 100 to dispose of among her friends. She is to carry them with her on all occasions, to teas and luncheons, wherever the fortunes of divestissement take her. Miss Meijla is a beautiful girl who looked very smart at the tea in a brown taffeta and Georgette crepe gown and broad brown hat.

Mrs. R. A. Bray, who also received, was in blue tulle with a tracery of white embroidery, and a broad blue sailor hat, and Mrs. Brayton was very stunning in a long tan coat faced in Copenhagen blue, and with a dark straw hat with a wing rising like a sail and forming the crown.

Some of the guests were: Mrs. Oliver Stone, Mrs. W. E. Dargie, Mrs. F. Schloss, Mrs. Russell Selfridge, Mrs. Macdonald Moore, Mrs. Henry Martinez, Mrs. Rudolph Ver Mehr, Mrs. Leo Lentell, Mrs. Morris Meyerfield, Miss Florence Lundborg, Miss Helen Dare, Miss Eloise Martin, Mrs. Francis, Miss Anne Martin, Mrs. Lee Randolph, Mrs. Irving Wright, Miss de Jong, Miss Coralie Meijla, Miss Dorothea Coon, Miss Lucy Pierce, Mrs. Arthur Mathews, Mrs. James Shea, Mrs. John Galloway, Miss Martin, Miss Lacy and Miss Dorothy Woodworth.

SKATING PARTY TO DISPLAY SKILL.

Besides being a golf star, Mrs. Fred McNear is one of the accomplished ice skaters of society. There are a score, more or less, who have been undergoing instruction for weeks. A trying time, but for compensation guests in bright silk sweaters and white skirts, principally. They wear

MRS. OLIVER D. HAMILIN JR. (MIGNON DE NEUF), A BRIDE OF THE SEASON, WHO WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK FROM HER HONEYMOON IN THE SOUTH.—Hartsook photo.

party Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bowles are giving at "The Pines" tomorrow.

HOSSES PLAN MANY BRIDGE PARTIES.

Mrs. William Griffith Henshaw has announced the date of one of her May bridge parties. It will take place on May 4 at the Henshaw home in Vernon Heights and is to be especially elaborate. Many guests from San Francisco, and a receiving party.

Another large bridge party will take place at the Braden home on April 25, when Mrs. E. B. Braden and Miss Winifred Braden will entertain sixty guests.

TEA IN PIEDMONT FOR BRIDE-ELLECT.

One of the brides-elect, Miss Helen Beckwith, who is to be married to Delger Trowbridge this month, was guest of honor at a tea given yesterday afternoon by Miss Cuglelella Itoth at her home in Piedmont. It was a small, informal party, with trying time, but for compensation guests in bright silk sweaters and white skirts, principally. They wear

sports clothes to tea these days. Some of those present were Mrs. James Black, Mrs. Beverley Wilder, Mrs. James Morehead, Mrs. Tyler Tubbs Henshaw, Miss Harriet and Miss Agnes Ehrenberg.

An event of this afternoon was a theater party at which Miss Alberta Higgins entertained in honor of her house guest, Miss Katherine Seaward.

This evening Miss Marjorie Moon and Harry Hoesley Fair will be guests of honor at a dinner to be given by Miss Elsa Schilling at the Schilling home on the shore of Lake Merritt. It will be the last entertainment for them before the wedding on Tuesday.

COUNTRY HOUSE PARTY FOR MISS FINNELL'S WEDDING.

Miss Mary Helen Finnell and Russell Slade will have a characteristic country wedding at the Finnell ranch, near Chico, with a house party of guests from Oakland and San Francisco. It will take place on Wednesday, and every one is going up Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday night there will be a dance. The wedding is to be a noon ceremony with an al fresco breakfast in the lovely old-fashioned gardens at the ranch.

Mrs. J. D. Spaul and Miss Marian Spaul, who have been at Hotel Oakland since their arrival from Colorado, left today for their country place near Chico, and some of the wedding guests will be quartered there. Miss Spaul will be one of the bridesmaids. She was a classmate of the bride at Miss Ransom's school, where there is a lot of interest in "Mary Helen's" wedding.

Miss Marietta Reade is to be the other bridesmaid, with Frederick Johnson for best man and Frederick Slade and Karl Martin the ushers.

ENTERTAINMENTS GIVEN AT "THE PINES."

Mrs. Philip Bowles is reviving the hospitable traditions of "The Pines" after a quiet winter. The place was closed while Mr. and Mrs. Bowles spent the season at the St. Francis. Tomorrow afternoon there will be a garden party for guests from both sides of the bay, with Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Johnson Jr. to assist in receiving. Yesterday Mrs. Bowles gave a luncheon for her niece, Miss Kate Bennett, whose engagement to Henry Brizard was recently announced. The guests included Mrs. Cleveland Baker, Mrs. Leon Clark, Mrs. Harry Howard, Mrs. John McNear, Mrs. Maurice Walsh, Mrs. Rushworth Nicholson, Mrs. William Thornton White, Mrs.

Fred Dieckmann, Mrs. Hiram Johnson Jr., Mrs. John Louis Lohse, Mrs. Alla Chickering, Mrs. Challen Parker, Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. George S. Towne, Mrs. George Newton, Miss Winifred Braden, Miss Elsa Schilling, Miss Beatrice Simpson, Miss Clarissa Lohse, Miss Letitia Barry, Miss Jessie Craig, Miss Perkins, Miss Isabella Percy and Miss Amy Hibbard.

TOID STARS AT BOHEMIAN CLUB.

Nervous stars and a nervous jinks committee anticipate with trepidation a jinks at the Bohemian Club this evening. One infers they are nervous from timid rhymed announcements sent out last week. The verses are a brave effort. Sterling's it may be. But the spirit of the poem is tentative and timid. The committee announces new stars in Bohemian firmament:

"Your committee thinks, It has observed with telescopic eye, Some nebulae that long to crystallize Into a new and glowing constellation."

And after further explanation and apology, concludes: And stifling Aries from Capricornus, Out of your heart's good will; have mercy on us. Show their faltering, baby steps the pity That we bespeak you for the Jinks Committee."

Some of the Oakland members at the Jinks will be Fred Sherman, Brendon Brady, Harry Perry, Edward Lacey Brayton, Russell Holabird, and from Berkeley, Benjamin MacDougall, Harry Fessenden, Edward Strickler, Professor Morse Stephens and Austin Sperry.

MISS BAUM'S BETROTHAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

The latest engagement, announced today, is that of Miss Marguerite Baum to Vally Perceval Brun of San Francisco. Betrothal cards brought the news this morning. Miss Baum is the daughter of the late Dr. Rudolph H. Baum and Mrs. Baum of Piedmont, and is a beautiful and accomplished girl, who spent two years abroad after graduating from school. She belongs to the set that includes the Taft girls, Miss Nellie Adams, Miss Elizabeth Orrick and others, and

were pretty souvenirs as well as decorative details of the party.

Miss Kincaid is one of the luckiest of engaged girls. Mrs. Hearst has presented her with a ravishing trousseau. She is Miss Kincaid's godmother and, tremendously interested in the wedding. It is set for June, and after the honeymoon Carleton Court is to take his bride to Fort Bragg to live. The Kincaids have a summer home there, and young Curtis is manager of the railroad at Fort Bragg, where the romance began.

Most of Miss Kincaid's friends are planning parties for her. She is a popular girl and a beauty, tall and slender and blonde, and finished at three finishing schools—the Blanchard-Gamble school in Santa Barbara, later Miss Head's in Berkeley and then for a year at Miss Dryden's famous school in Paris; after that a tour of the art galleries abroad with her grandmother, the late Mrs. Mary Kincaid, who was a very brilliant woman.

FACULTY CLUB DIVIDES FOR DIVERTISSEMENT.

There is no division like that of the Cis-Alpine Gauls and the others—what were they?—but the north side members of the Faculty Club and those who live south of the campus take their pleasures separately. Not long ago members who live on the north side gave a dance at the Hillside Club for their families and friends. A happy affair, without a south side member to mar it.

Last week the south side members entertained at the Twentieth Century Club, their guests being relatives and friends from the land that lies south of the campus. But there is really no ill feeling. The idea is entirely one of neighborliness.

Heading the north side list are Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, with Prof. and Mrs. A. O. Louschner, the John Helen Howards, and others. On the south side are Prof. and Mrs. Charles Mills Gayley, Prof. and Mrs. E. B. Clapp, Prof. and Mrs. Hugo Schilling, and with many more in an imposing company.

SPORTS SHOES WORN AT FORMAL AFFAIRS.

White spats with tan or chrome yellow sports shoes are the latest sartorial caprices. They are worn to teas and luncheons with afternoon gowns and odd effects. Why, no one knows. They just are.

Mrs. Leopold Heebner brought the idea from New York and the Burlingame set is wearing them. At Mrs. Egbert Stone's card party this week both Mrs. Heebner and her cousin, Marie Tyson, wore tan boots, white spats, and otherwise conventional card party costumes.

Mrs. Heebner's was a tailor suit of the darkest shade of stone brown in a light material with a loose-fitting, flaring coat perfectly cut. There was a circular skirt, and her hat was a small straw toque of the same shade. She wore a blouse of yellowed sheer lace, with large pearl screw earrings, adding a touch to a carelessly smart effect.

MILTON DISCUSSED AT LITERARY RECEPTION.

Mrs. A. L. Stocker, who belongs to the Browning Club of Berkeley, gave a literary afternoon for a number of her friends on Wednesday. Milton and "Paradise Lost" were discussed by Mrs. Montague Yates, an interesting French woman, who belongs to the family of Moliere, the Shakespeare of France.

To clear any possible confusion in regard to Browning, Milton and Moliere it may be stated that Mrs. Stocker's membership in the Casa Guidi Circle (the Browning Club) is merely referred to incidentally, and that Mrs. Yates' relationship to Moliere had nothing to do with her selection of Milton for the subject of her lecture. She is a brilliant woman with university degrees who has made a study of French and English poetry, naturally including "Paradise Lost." Moliere was not a direct ancestor, but Mrs. Yates' family in France is the same as that to which the great French poet belonged.

Mrs. Stocker entertained at the Madison Park apartments, where she makes her home. She received in a pretty gown of tulle in the new color combination of blue and lavender in a Dresden pattern. Among those who enjoyed the afternoon were Mrs. Frank Mott, Mrs. Ora Perkins, Miss Matilda Brown, Mrs. James Dallas, Mrs. Thomas P. Hogan, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Elder of Berkeley and Miss Claire McDougall.

PIEDMONT PATRONESSES FOR CHAPEL FUND DANCE.

Mrs. William Hinkley Taylor and Mrs. R. A. Bray of Piedmont will be among patronesses of the dance to be

given at the St. Francis on April 25 for the benefit of the chapel fund of Fort Scott. It will be a brilliant affair, with many dinners preceding the dance. Besides the two named, patrons and patronesses include Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, Bishop and Mrs. William F. Nichols, Rabbi and Mrs. Martin Meyer, Rev. and Mrs. C. S. S. Dutton, Rev. and Mrs. William K. Guthrie, Rev. Edward Morgan, Brigadier-General and Mrs. William Oscar F. Long, Brigadier-General W. L. Silbert, Brigadier-General Sorgwick Pratt, Colonel and Mrs. A. M. Hunter, Colonel and Mrs. J. B. Barratte, Colonel and Mrs. Swift, Colonel and Mrs. Edie, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. James Frier, Major and Mrs. Henry J. Whitney, Major and Mrs. Louis R. Burgess, Captain and Mrs. John B. Murphy, Mrs. George T. Cameron, Mrs. Francis Carolan, Mrs. Charles W. Clark, Mrs. Charles Templeton Crocker, Mrs. William H. Crocker, Mrs. George Crux, Mrs. Edward L. Eyre, Mrs. J. A. Folger, Mrs. J. J. Gottlieb, Mrs. Latham McMullin, Mrs. Louis Montague, Mrs. Robert Ornard, Mrs. George Pope, Mrs. M. C. Sloss, Mrs. H. T. Scott, Mrs. Sigmund Stern, Mrs. Andrew Walsh Jr., Mrs. Joseph D. Grant, Mrs. Joseph O. Hooper, Mrs. Frederick Kohl, Mrs. Marcus Koshland, Mrs. P. J. Langhorne, Mrs. C. O. G. Miller, Mrs. C. C. Mohun, Mrs. James Otis, Mrs. Willis Polk, Mrs. Richard E. Queen, Mrs. William Sproule, Mrs. Augustus Taylor, Mrs. Edward J. Tobin, Mrs. W. D. Bourne, Miss Katherine Donohoe, Miss Frances Sprague, Mesdames William G. Irwin, Philip Lansdale, Eleanor Martin.

The door committee will be Major Newbill, Major Wheeler, Major Whitney, Major Buckley, Major Bottoms, Captain Geary and Robert Eyre.

The entertainment has the following committee in charge: Chairman, Mrs. Alfred M. Hunter; honorary chairman, Mrs. J. Franklin Bell; vice-chairman, Rev. Edward F. Brophy; vice-chairman, Rev. Edward Morgan; treasurer, Charles Templeton Crocker; secretary, Miss Cecilia Donoghue.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS OF THE SMART SET.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hinkley Taylor are going down to Del Monte in May for a fortnight's visit. Later in the month Mrs. Taylor will leave for Portland, to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Allen Lewis, who recently returned to her home in the north after spending the winter in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are planning a trip east in the late summer, to visit the former's uncle, E. Benedict, at his famous country home where so many celebrities have been entertained.

News of the serious illness of Mrs. Philip Bliss saddened her friends this week. With Dr. Bliss, she is at her summer home in Santa Cruz, and yesterday was said to be much improved. As Miss Janet Pointer of Alameda she was a popular belle of society.

Tracey Kittredge, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. E. R. Kittredge, in Berkeley, since Christmas, will leave shortly for New York, to sail on May 9 for Belgium. He will continue to work for the Belgian relief commission, and later will go to Spain to do some research work before returning to complete his course at Oxford, which the war interrupted.

Miss Isabel Percy is planning a trip to Portland, where she will visit friends for several weeks. She will leave on April 14.

Mrs. George Porter Baldwin, who spends every summer in California, will arrive from her home in Pittsburg the last of May and, with her sister and brother, Miss Ellene Edoff and Frank Edoff, will go to Boulder Creek for the season.

Mrs. Edward de Laveaga (Dellight Woodbury) spent several days of the week at the de Laveaga country home in Contra Costa county. With Mr. de Laveaga and the children, she will go there the first of May, to remain during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bates Jr. will go to their ranch, near Glen Ellen, for the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Oscar Fitzalan Long and Miss Sally Long will leave next week for the east, to return to California with Miss Amy Long, who is at school in Washington. They will be absent only a few weeks. Miss Amy Long will spend the Easter vacation in Piedmont.

Miss Florence Cadman and Paul Cadman of Berkeley, who was graduated from the University of California last year, are in New York, where they are guests of their cousin, Dr. Mary Fletcher, formerly of Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wakefield and Mrs. Wakefield's son, Buster Sprackels, sailed this week for Tahiti, where they will make their home for several years. They took their household goods and will set them up in a villa near Papeete.

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THE RAILWAY WAGE DISPUTE.

The first chapter in the long-threatened controversy between the employees and owners of railways has been opened. In its earlier stage it is pacific, and we hope it will continue so and end with a peaceful and satisfactory adjustment—to both sides.

Representatives of the more than four hundred thousand railway employees of 425 roads in the United States filed their demands last week. They want an eight-hour day substituted for the present ten-hour day and to be paid time-and-a-half for all overtime. The railway operators claim that if such an increase is granted it will entail extra expenditures on account of operation of approximately \$100,000,000 annually. Officials of the brotherhoods of employees challenge this statement, and so far have not been answered with detailed figures. However, it may be taken as certain that the increase will mean heavy extra cost to the companies, and there may be substantial grounds for the claim of the railroads that the financial stability of the roads will in many instances be seriously menaced.

The railroads are willing to arbitrate, which is, of course, the least they can do without inviting a nation-wide strike of the workers. They have offered to agree to the selection of a conference committee, composed of delegates from the four great brotherhoods—Locomotive Engineers, Firemen and Enginemen, Railway Trainmen and the Railway Conductors—and representatives of the conference committee of the managers of the associations of railway officials. Counter proposals, in the form of "inquiries," seek to throw open for consideration all provisions of the present schedule relating to compensation. Representatives of the employees say they will not arbitrate unless these counter proposals are withdrawn.

The federal bureau of arbitration and conciliation will doubtless be called into the negotiations when they progress to a discussion of the real issues. At one point the views of the employees and the railroads diverge widely. The employees insist that the only question open to consideration is their demand for a reduction in the hours of a working day at the same wage as at present paid for a ten-hour day and time-and-a-half for overtime. The railroads claim that their interests as well as those of the workingmen should be considered. This claim sounds reasonable enough, but in all previous cases of arbitration the employees have denied their employers the advantage of counter claims.

A strike of so many railway workers would have a disastrous effect upon industry, commerce and finance if it continued for a long period. If a strike is declared it is certain to last for several weeks and months. The business prosperity of the country is intimately connected with the efficient and continuous operation of the railroads, and we hope that both sides of the controversy will keep this in mind and go to their work of adjusting their differences with fair consideration for each other and for their fellow men engaged in other industries than the railway business.

"SECRET" CODES.

Reports from Berlin to the effect that the secret code of the American diplomatic service is no longer a secret, but is known practically to all the European governments, should receive prompt and serious attention. Ambassadors Gerard, Penfield and Van Dyke have joined in a protest to the State Department against the use of the code, but the officials at Washington refuse to take notice of their fears and still insist that it be employed in sending official dispatches.

The origin of the State Department's attitude very likely can be traced to a civil service clerk in charge of the codes who does not wish to be disturbed by compiling a new code. And the high officials of the Department take his word in the matter. It is a stupid way of neglecting public duty.

Not only is it probable that our secret codes are known to European governments, but they are familiar to the Japanese and Chinese as well. The Diplomatic service has always shown astonishing indifference to the importance of a secret telegraphic code. During the Chino-Japanese

war our representatives in China permitted, in obedience to instruction from Washington, Japanese officials in China to file despatches with the legation and consulates for transmission, in both the consular and diplomatic code, to the Tokyo government and to the Japanese embassy in Washington. A dozen or so of such despatches, the coded text of which was easily obtained from the telegraph company, compared with the English text, in which they were filed with American officials, was sufficient to give the key to the whole code.

Our Ambassadors in Europe have informed the State Department of their reasons for believing the diplomatic code is known to other governments and they are sound ones. The naval battle code, we have little doubt, is also known to foreign governments—a circumstance for which the neglect of a naval officer is probably responsible. A secret code of communication is an important instrument of preparedness and the expense of providing it is negligible.

THE GASOLINE SITUATION.

Senator Martine's resolution directing the Attorney-General to find out if the price of gasoline is being raised by an unlawful conspiracy is reflecting the impatience of consumers at the high cost of this modern necessity. What the proposed probe may discover is that the price of gasoline is controlled by a few big producers, or that at least a few producers lead in price-fixing and that the smaller dealers are only too ready to follow. What the country ought now to realize is that American consumers are being forced into buying competition with European consumers who must have gasoline at any price in their military operations.

We do not begrudge our oil operators from making fortunes out of the war trade, but we dislike to be the victims of war prices. While there may be an understanding between producers, we are inclined to believe the present price is largely produced by the relation between supply and demand. If it is not, the producers are committing an error of policy; they should remember that from the policy of regulating the price of public utility service to the policy of fixing the price of public necessities of commerce is only a small development.

CHINESE PAY OFF ONE DEBT.

At last the end has come to a regrettable adventure of American financial interests in China. Fifteen years ago a group of bankers headed by J. P. Morgan & Company, contracted with the Peking government to construct a railway line from Canton to Hankow. The project fell through, largely on account of local opposition to American control of the railroad. Morgan & Company withdrew, but first made the Chinese government pay dearly to get rid of the bargain.

Now the last installment of the principal and interest on the \$5,500,000 loan made from the Hongkong government eleven years ago for the repurchase of the Canton-Hankow railway franchise has been made. It will be remembered that in order to recover this franchise from the American-China Development Company, the Chinese government had to buy up the shares and gold-dollar bonds issued by that company. It was provided in the agreement that besides the payment of half-yearly interest, the Chinese government should pay back the principal in ten annual installments. These obligations have been promptly met, and the foreign press of the China coast is now felicitating the Chinese government on having entirely liquidated the loan and especially in these difficult times.

A few days ago we commented upon the amazing fact that a county district attorney in Ohio had induced a grand jury to return indictments against five corporations for conspiring to regulate the wages of their employees. The charges were brought under the Ohio anti-trust laws prohibiting conspiracies to regulate the price of commodities. The steel companies had raised the wages of their employees ten per cent simultaneously. We pointed out that the modern doctrine of the laws, as for example, the Clayton act, and the contentions of labor leaders were to the effect that labor was not a commodity. It is now fitting to recall that the judge before whom the charges came up for hearing quashed the indictments because it was impossible to make an offense out of the acts of the steel companies under the Ohio anti-conspiracy laws. He observed that labor ceased to be a commodity in this country at the conclusion of the Civil War.

Representative Hay apparently has a secret source from which he obtains figures on the state of the military material in the country. In submitting the report of the House military affairs committee he stated that there are 1,284,790 adequately trained men in the country. Adjutant-General McCain is authority for the statement that there are only 234,482 adequately trained men. Secretary of War Baker says there are 102,000 adequately trained and 473,700 partially trained soldiers. Mr. Hay reports there is an army of 60,000 regular army reserves. We should like to know where they are concealed. No one in the military service has been able to locate more than 2900 reserves. A still greater mystery is the whereabouts of the 995,790 trained men in the country beside the regular army, the 60,000 reserve and the national guard. Mr. Hay has them hidden away somewhere, if we are to rely upon his report to Congress.

NOTES and COMMENT

The British are making headway in Mesopotamia, but as we survey the war news, that seems a long way off.

It is a sea-saw around Verdun. The only progress made is in the establishment of graveyards. The whole region is likely to become a vast field of sepulture.

By the way, the loudest silence that Rev. Aked has been guilty of for a long while has characterized the past month. There is no complaint about it—just surprise.

A wire from Chicago, where the Republican national committee is meeting, is to the effect that the committee hasn't tipped up yet on account of T. R.'s announcement.

The superintendent of playgrounds in Alameda has ordered that the matrons of the parks appear on duty in bloomers. Well, some women wouldn't look so bad in bloomers.

Five thousand pounds of candy have been sent to the United States soldiers in Mexico, notwithstanding Carranza's refusal to permit the use of railroads by Uncle Sam. Some supplies get through despite everything.

A chain gang may be beneficial in forcing prisoners to do something toward meeting the expense their evil-doing incurs, and making imprisonment less alluring to the loafer, but it is always unedifying as a spectacle.

The old question of ragging has recurred in the Berkeley schools. It seems harder to abolish than the fruit. It is about impossible to thoroughly establish the idea that public schools are maintained for instruction.

Those who would worry the Standard Oil Company in the matter of regulating the price of gasoline should remember how vastly profitable it was to the great corporation when the subsidiary companies were made to disintegrate.

The chaos into which the primary laws have thrown matters leads to the conclusion that they were not calculated that way—that it is just a case of incompetent muddling on the part of the law makers who had the matter in hand.

It is not a new idea in efficiency to set clocks ahead so that there may be more hours in a day to do things. The most familiar working of the idea is the other way around. Everybody remembers how they set the clock back in the last hours of a legislative session.

At the Mt. Diablo Country Club extended search will never be necessary to find the goat. The club is reported to have a thousand of them, each wearing a bell. That is an idea. If the practice of belling the goat was universal, there would not be so much inquiry in finding him.

A rich woman of 70 has just had annulled a marriage with a man much younger. The old saying to the effect that there are none like the old ones has generally been applied to men of years who go, and hook up with youth, but it may as well be extended to include the other side.

SPIRIT OF THE STATE PRESS

A Portland man who couldn't get a drink attempted suicide. You see how serious this thing is.—Watsonville Pajaronian.

E. T. Kirtley, one of the progressive ranchers of the Holtville section, has a fine litter of thirteen pigs from one of his registered Duroc Jerseys.—Holtville Tribune.

I'm coming up, said the skirt.
On the girl with eyes of brown;
I'll meet you, said the V-cut waist,
For I'm certainly coming down.
—Riverside Press.

Now indeed the war in Europe is striking a blow at all of us. "An official report says India's peasant trade has fallen off \$11,176,000 since the war began.—Santa Ana Blade.

If the Bakersfield Californian goes on pointing out to its readers how much better things are down in Stockton than they are in some other places Stockton is liable to swell up and "bust."—Stockton Mail.

WHERE LAW FALLS DOWN.

The most serious indictment against international law at the present time consists, not in the manner in which this law is being waged, but in the brutal fact of war itself. The true function of international law is not to govern war; it is to avert war. This is the real vital problem which should claim the serious attention of all thoughtful men; how can the law of nations best fulfill its functions in time of peace?

Why is it that international law, since Grotius, in 1625, tried to bring nations to his sense, has not yet found the way of avoiding war? Can it plead the impossibility of changing the evil hearts, the predatory instincts, the blind passions of men? Or must it humbly admit that it has been in error; that its alleged principles, its bold postulates, have been unsound, fallacious, and unrelated to the facts of international existence?

The charge against the defective nature of man is of course, in large measure, well founded; but nothing can excuse international law if it should be proved that its methods and its theories have been faulty and unscientific. This, I fear, ought candidly to be admitted. It would seem true that the law of nations, receiving its inception, as it did, at the hands of Grotius as a moral protest against the existing state of international anarchy, has ever since sought to play the role of the preacher, the teacher, the reformer, the moral idealist, rather than to serve as the jurist-consult, the lawyer, the practical statesman.—Philip Marshall Brown in North American Review.

RIGHT IN THE FAMILY.

When the president exposes the "prominent Americans" who are striving to provoke intervention in Mexico, will he also name the prominent Democrat who was responsible for our attack on Vera Cruz?—Philadelphia North American.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR



ARE WE PREPARED?

Blind Artillery

ALL our forts are but half manned. Those about Boston have an average of less than 100 men each. Fort Wadsworth, protecting New York, has a garrison of about 400 men, and Fort Hamilton about one-third more.

"Unless provision is made in the near future for additional Coast Artillery personnel, it will be necessary to reduce the garrisons to a mere caretaker detachments at some of the defenses of lesser importance, including Portsmouth, Delaware, Charleston, Savannah, Key West, New Bedford, Potomac, Tampa, Columbia, Baltimore, Cape Fear and Mobile."

A short time ago one of the two forts at Key West, the true key to the Gulf of Mexico, was manned by a sergeant and his family. After the death of the sergeant, the widow and her daughter for months formed the garrison of defense.

General Weaver, chief of the Coast Artillery Division, stated in the Senate that we have 252 twelve-inch guns already mounted without a single person to man them, two fourteen-inch guns mounted without a single man to operate them, and thirty-seven eight-inch guns mounted and useless with no crew, seventy-one ten-inch guns mounted without a single man to operate them. Modern guns are not so simple catapults but complicated machines. One has to be trained and skilled to handle them. No matter how intelligent the American citizen, he cannot stay in and at once operate one of these guns off-hand, as men could jump in and operate the guns of a hundred years ago.

A century ago, the guns used were short-range guns. One could look at the object he aimed at and by sighting over the gun with his eye, bring the gun into line.

But at the present time gunners manipulating even the seven-mile range guns of our harbor defenses are unable to aim by eye. As the gunner looks seven miles out at sea, he sees only the mast of the ship, very little of the hull. If the ship is ten miles away he sees no hull at all. But even if he sees the entire deck of a great dreadnought—one 600 feet long—by holding a cigarette in front of his eye at arm's length, the entire ship is completely shut out from his vision. The mark to be aimed at, so far as the eye is concerned, is less than the size of a cigarette.

Aiming today is the result of the co-operation of three corps of men at three different places. The man down in the pit firing the gun is unable to see anything, except the sky above him. To argue that an untrained man, even though skilled in other lines of mechanics, could

step in and efficiently handle these guns is as ridiculous as to argue that a man who has never touched an automobile could enter as a race-driver merely because he knew how to run a typewriter.

But even if more men could be quickly trained, large numbers of the guns, in fact, a very large number, could not be used because we have not sufficient range-finders. Direction and fire control have been installed only at the most important harbor forts along our coasts. They have not been installed in other places, not only because Congress has not provided for them, but because we cannot import the necessary lenses of the range-finders at the present time. Not only are many of the guns of our coast defense absolutely blind, but many of the guns of our army and of our navy could not be used, because we neither have glasses nor can we buy them. And, moreover, we cannot manufacture them. Our manufactures are dependent upon Germany for the glass for the lenses. At present we cannot get that glass. If Germany were to attack us she would not kindly send us 50,000 or 100,000 lenses in advance.

In this case, as in the case of munitions, the question is asked: Why can't we get to work and manufacture them? Chemists and workmen who are specialists in this line are rare. We have very few in this country. We have not a sufficient number of chemists and workmen specialized in these lines to meet the present demand. It takes time for the ordinary chemist to become a specialist. Just as it takes time for the ordinary physician to acquire the knowledge and technique necessary to make him a specialist.

Our coast fortifications, manned with from 100 to 600 men, can easily be taken from the rear by 5000 men, landed eight miles away, beyond the range of the guns of the fort. None of the guns protecting Boston, New York and the entrance to Washington could be used to repel a land attack.

"Fortified harbors, from the days of the Romans to our own, have usually fallen to a land attack rendered possible by naval superiority." (4)

All along the Atlantic Coast there are excellent strips of beach, from 50 to 200 miles in length. Speaking of the possibility of landing an army on these, General Francis Greene says:

"From Portland to Portsmouth there is a stretch of about fifty miles in which there are no fortifications; from Portsmouth to Boston a similar stretch, from Boston around to Newport a still longer piece of unfortified coast; from Montauk Point to Coney Island and from Sandy Hook to Cape May, similar stretches of sandy beach, each more than a hundred miles in length." (5)

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THE JESTER.

Happy Thought.
Miss Grotz—One can be very happy in this world with health and money.
Dedbrooke—Then let's be made one. I have the health and you have the money.
—Boston Transcript.

To Young To Enjoy It.
"Fancy bringin' a child like that to a funeral! What pleasure can it be to 'er?"
—Passing Show.

No Efficiency.
Wounded Soldier—Yes, they got twenty-four bullets out of me! They ought to have sent me to the munition depot, not to a 'spital.—London Opinion.

The Inspiration.
"I was told that a picture of Longfellow's Hiawatha on her wedding journey was the inspiration for this gown."
Ladies' Home Journal.

More of That Subtle Stuff.
Fater—My son, you have a reputation for driving your car recklessly.
Filius—Don't believe it, pop, I've had three wrecks this year.—Cornell Widow.

I WONDER.

I wonder if the roses know
The beauty and the charm they yield.
Or if the daisy how it decks
The gradual grayness of the field.
I wonder if the heart that sings
Hears how the other hearts it wakes
Are happy for the joy it brings
In what it does for others' sakes.

I wonder if the stars are aware
Of all the sweet content it spills
Upon the little lives of care
That catch its beauty on the hills.
I wonder if the violet feels
The tender and responsive gleam
Of love that in the woodland kneels
To worship at the shrines of dream.

I wonder if all beauty shares
The knowledge of the good that grows
From out its all unconscious sweet—
The song of bird, the bloom of rose.
Or whether it is not as when
Some life that blossoms like a flower
Moves gently 'mid its fellow men
More like a perfume than a power.
—Folger McKinsey in the Baltimore Sun.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

Leland Stanford Ramsdell of Alameda is but 15 years of age, but has written a play which is to be produced tomorrow in Armory hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prather gave a dinner during the week complimentary to the newly engaged couple, Miss Mary Prather and Harry East Miller.

Chief of Police Lloyd is making an effort to have the words "ugster cocktail" removed from the menus of all cafes.

Professor McChesney gave a reception to the high school teachers last evening at his home.

J. M. Merritt, wife and daughter are in Santa Cruz.

WHEN "POPULAR DEMAND BEGINS."
"There is no popular demand Hughes," asserts Charles Sumner. Which is only another way of saying that a demand, however large, does not become a popular demand until Charles Sumner Bird joins in with it.—Springfield Union.

HAYWARD IN SCHOOL ROW OVER TACTICS

Corporal Punishment Must Cease, Says Board

Boy Is Said to Have Knocked Down Principal

Corporal punishment, which is blamed for friction between scholars and faculty, will be abolished at the Hayward grammar school, according to F. J. Russell, who was elected a member of the grammar school board of trustees last night. The other members of the board, Mrs. L. R. Rosenberg and F. I. Leung, he states, are also desirous of doing away with corporal punishment.

"If teachers can't control the pupils without having to administer corporal punishment they should be made to step out," declared Russell. "A teacher should possess the ability to manage boys and girls without recourse to such punishment. There is constant complaint made by children of having received ill treatment. Numbers of the pupils have rebelled and one boy recently knocked down Principal Mabrey. This sort of thing will have to be put a stop to. Abolition of corporal punishment is the one way to do this and I will endeavor to bring this about," continued Russell.

Other planks in the platform of the school board, according to Russell, are two new ward schools to relieve present congestion at the grammar school, the establishing of a kindergarten class and manual training and domestic science departments. Bonds would only be required to purchase land for the ward schools, he believes. The remainder of the fund for the contemplated school improvements could be furnished by a general levy. The manual training and domestic science departments could be accommodated in an old building, he believes. Block from the school and the kindergarten and first grade could be accommodated in the old Union High school which the high school trustees are willing to turn over to the grammar school. The establishing of a night school for young men and women who are unable to attend day school will be considered by the board.

The grammar school election yesterday held on a vacancy, resulted, F. J. Russell, 423 votes; A. W. Dean, incumbent, 285 votes, giving Russell a majority of 138 votes. The newly-elected trustees are one of the committee of which Peter J. Crosby and H. L. Robinson are also members to investigate the desirability of building new ward school buildings.

Make Survey of Major Watersheds

A winter survey of the major watersheds in the National Forest, the state has recently been undertaken by the Forest Service, according to District Forester DuBois, for the purpose of determining the depth and quality of snow and its rate of melting. These measurements will be made by forest rangers, who will do much of the work on snowshoes and skis. The data will be transmitted from the nearest forest telephone station and then telegraphed to San Francisco.

This information is needed by water and power companies, irrigationists, and will be of great value to all communities dependent upon the snowfall for the season's water supply.

Marry Young Man; Her Advice "Old Man's Darling" Tells Tale



Will Demand Assurance of Her Inheritance From Aged Spouse

LOS ANGELES, April 8.—Bearding her own husband in his home, pretty Mrs. Baulah Mosher Eyster, the 18-year-old girl who last November married John Eyster, 38, and then left him a week ago, announced yesterday that she would today go to Altadena and demand that the wealthy citrus grower insure her inheritance of his property at his demise.

Planning the trip yesterday, Mrs. Eyster paused in her preparations long enough to tell the young woman what it means to be "an old man's darling," and how quickly the promises of December to May become worthless. The bride recalled the assurances of protection and luxury made by her aged suitor, and declared that after the wedding they had all been forgotten.

Never—no, never—consent to become an old man's darling,

even though he be rich as Croesus and promise to lay all his worldly possessions at your feet, is her advice.

"Men, no matter how well they may retain their appearance of youth, are young but once," cautions Mrs. Eyster for the benefit of inexperienced girls who, she fears, might follow in her footsteps. "The awakening of the old man's bride will be a rude one and in all probability will be experienced long before the ordinary honeymoon should even begin to be obscured by the clouds of domestic difficulties," she added.

"Think of it, girls," Mrs. Eyster exclaims with a visible shudder. "Your disappointments will begin to be realized almost from the moment the nuptials are over. You will find that spring and winter are separated so widely that the two never can be united."

Here the youthful Mrs. Eyster goes into further detail and asks of young girls in general if the following conditions appeal to them:

WHY SHE LEFT:

"How would you like to be treated always as a child, regardless of the fact that you had assumed the entire responsibility of a home?"

"Again, would it be pleasant to find that your wishes are held at naught, and that your husband is so set in his ways as to make you a non-entity?"

"Further, could you live happily and contentedly on two meals a day when beans are demanded at every meal?"

"Then, how would you feel if you, being a believer in religious principles, suddenly became aware that the man you married and who necessarily was nearing the end of his life, acknowledged no God except that of an uncertain deity?"

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ASSOCIATION WILL DIRECT TRAVEL HERE

Eastern Offices Planned by Tourist Body Members

Achievements of Branch in the South Are Noted

That tourist travel is coming to Central California as it has never come before; that new literature is in urgent demand, and that new offices in the East must be established by the association, were reported yesterday at the meeting of the executive committee of the Tourist Association, held at the Commercial Club grill.

The new Los Angeles office of the association, it was reported, was one of the valuable assets. Through this office, it was declared, a large motion picture studio has been located in Monterey, besides which a large number of tourists, especially automobile tourists, have been diverted to this district.

Plans for more comprehensive publicity for the establishment of a New York branch, for the employment of a convention secretary, and other general business were discussed. Fifty thousand booklets advertising Central California, it was reported, are now on the press.

THOSE PRESENT.

President F. T. Robson presided at yesterday's meeting of the committee, which was attended by Joseph E. Caine, Frederick Whitton, Leo Levenson, F. L. Eckward and E. D. Moore.

A detailed report of the activities of the past months was filed by Managing Director E. D. Moore. He went into specific details as to the operation of the Chicago office, telling how this office induced the Chicago Chamber of Commerce to issue the "Facts for Travelers" literature to be issued. He told of the local printing situation, the rise in prices of paper, and the association's good fortune in having already purchased all its paper for booklets.

OTHER REPORTS.

"This we bought for 94 cents a pound and could now sell for 124 cents," he declared. "We need money; we might make a profit if we did not need the books."

The reports of the field representatives' work were also placed before the committee, including the plans for landing several conventions for Oakland, several big parties for San Francisco, and general tourist travel for all parts of the region. Efforts will be made to have the Knights of Pythias stop here on their way to the Portland convention. The names of a number of home-seekers are being looked up.

ESTATE APPRAISES \$225,000.

Showing a valuation of \$225,000, the inventory and appraisal in the estate of the late William B. Heywood, lumberman of Berkeley, has been filed with the county clerk. The property was bequeathed to relatives.

PROMOTER IN SUIT TELLS OF TEVIS DEALS

New Action Involves the United Light Organization

Asks \$50,000 Commission for Sale of Stock to Great Western

Charging that although he engineered the deal whereby the Great Western Power Company of Oakland took over the majority stock of the United Light and Power Company of California and the United Light and Power Company of New Jersey, he has never been paid for his services, Charles Murphy, a promoter, brought suit today in San Francisco against William S. Tevis, R. G. Hanford, the Hanford Investment Company and the United Light and Power companies to recover \$50,000.

Murphy set forth in his complaint that he undertook the commission May 23, 1914, whereby the defendants agreed to pay him \$50,000 if he completed negotiations then pending for the sale of the majority stock of the two power companies to the Great Western Power Company and Thorburn and Mortimer Fleischacker. It was stipulated that the control must pass out of the hands of Tevis and Hanford and into that of the Fleischackers. The agreement was to the effect, he said, that the deal be completed within sixty days. This was not done, Murphy says, but he alleges that he was granted an extension of time, and within that additional period the transfer was duly made. Although he has demanded his money, he avers that he cannot collect it.

Seeks Property From Son's Drowned Wife

Superior Judge Brown has taken under consideration one matter connected over the Newsum Apartments at Twenty-fourth and Valdez streets, in which George H. Lee seeks to recover one-half of the property which was turned over to Mrs. Eva Lee Newsum, divorced wife of his son, Charles F. Lee, after he was killed. A Newsumer has already obtained judgment for foreclosure of a mortgage of \$3000 on the property and Mrs. Newsum is suing her former husband for \$10,000 representing another mortgage she was forced to place upon it after it was needed to her.

Husband in Jail; Wife Is Destitute

Efforts are being made to have Mrs. Harry Myers and her three children cared for while her husband, formerly a special policeman, is serving sentence of six months in the city jail for battery. It was discovered several days ago by Health Officer Kirby Smith that the woman was living in squalid quarters and in destitute circumstances, at 611 Clay street. Myers was sent to jail for attacking Mrs. Jessie E. Petersen.

FIRE DESTROYS GRAIN.

CAIRO, Ill., April 8.—Fire early today destroyed the grain elevator and probably 100,000 bushels of grain of Samuel Hastings. The loss was estimated at \$125,000.

WHAT IS DOING TODAY

Track meet, Stanford vs. Olympic and California Clubs, Palo Alto.

Vocational conference, First Presbyterian church, Berkeley.

Alameda Lodge of Moose open carnival, Alameda.

California School for Deaf and Blind go on annual picnic, Niles Canyon.

Track Meet, California Oval, Freshmen vs. Stanford Freshmen, 1 p. m.

Rugby, Varsity vs. Stanford, 3 p. m., California field.

Newman Club, Newman Hall, Berkeley, 7:30 p. m.

Ukulele and Mandolin Clubs concert, Hearst Hall, U. C., 8 p. m.

Town and Gown Club celebrates "club day" at luncheon, 2801-16 Conte avenue, Berkeley.

School track meets, Bushrod Park, Oakland, and Lincoln Park, Alameda, 12:30 p. m.

Mills College entertains high school girls and First District Library Association at college, afternoon.

Epiphany Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution meets at home of Mrs. George Waddell, 2 p. m.

Oakland Museum open from 9 to 12 and from 2 to 5.

Macdonough — Florence Roberts in "Mary Magdalene."

Orpheum—Vaudeville, headed by Harry Green & Company.

Pantages—Vaudeville.

Oakland Photo—Hazel Dawn in "The Sideshow."

Franklin—Bessie Barrisole in "Bullets and Brown Eyes."

WHAT IS DOING TOMORROW

Dr. William Frederick Bude lectures, First Congregational church, evening.

Convention Young Ladies' Institute and Young Men's Institute, Alameda.

"Pop" Symphony concert, afternoon.

Newman Club holds annual reunion, Newman Club, Berkeley.

Miseterlinck's "Mary Magdalene," read at Plymouth church, evening.

YOUNG THUG HOLDS UP LOCAL SALOON

Bandit Invades Place and Stands Victims Against the Wall.

Vicall Sant, proprietor of a saloon at 240 Eighth street, and Robert Jensen, a patron of the place, were made to stand with their faces to the wall of the saloon late last night while a bandit looted the cash till and searched their pockets. The bandit, who was a young man with a large revolver, obtained a gold watch and \$105.

The young man was unmasked. He entered the saloon and immediately ordered the two men to raise their hands above their heads and to face the wall. He leveled a large double-barreled revolver at the two. After the hold-up the police were notified and the neighborhood searched. No trace of the man was found.

James Kearns, Pullman hotel, Seventh and Pine streets, took a friend to his room when he found the man suffering from a cut across the hand. After having his wound dressed the friend left. Kearns subsequently missed his gold watch and purse.

James H. Maraden, 2835, Poplar street, reported the theft of a gold watch and chain, a diamond ring and other jewelry. He told the police he suspected a negro woman he had employed as a cook.

H. R. Glasgow, Remillard apartments, 1824 San Pablo avenue, was robbed of a revolver and jewelry, the articles being taken from his room.

P. Frederickson, 3225 Pothill boulevard, reported the theft of an automobile from his garage.

No Trace of Girl Lured From Home

No trace has been found by the local police of Goldie Wilson, a 15-year-old girl who is believed to have been lured from the Maude Booth Detention home at Mayfield by a man said in the police report to be known as Robert Brown. The girl escaped from the detention home at Mayfield yesterday, and it was thought she and the man with whom she left yesterday had come to Oakland. Brown is said to be of middle age, heavy set, dark and well dressed. The girl was committed to the Booth home some weeks ago from Kings county.

Mother Awarded Daughter's Custody

After a lively hearing before Superior Judge Donahue, Mrs. F. J. Sherman, former wife of Ralph O. Boinford, was awarded a custody of their minor daughter, Mrs. Sherman testified that her husband was in the habit of moving about from place to place and that he was not a fit custodian of the child.

Boinford married Miss Laura M. Loring of Oakland at Sacramento on February 14, without taking out his final decree of divorce from his wife. The couple were remarried at San Jose two days later, only to be separated by illness of the bride and later to have their marriage annulled.

Sproule Again Made Southern Pacific Head

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—William Sproule received a telegram from Anchorage, Kentucky, yesterday appraising him of his re-election as president of the Southern Pacific Company for another year.

Other telegrams notifying them of re-election as vice-presidents of the company were received in San Francisco by W. R. Scott, general manager in charge of operation, maintenance and new construction; William H. Herin, chief counsel; R. O. McCormick, in charge of traffic.

NO ARRESTS IN POISONING PLOT LIKELY

Evidence of Scheme to Murder Kings Crumbles

State Dependent on the Word of Single Informer

CHICAGO, April 8.—Unless further evidence develops, there will be no prosecution of anarchists involved in plots to assassinate all European ruling monarchs, State's Attorney Hoyne said today. He admitted he had nothing but the statement of a man under surveillance in connection with the "poison soup banquet" here.

Evidence of the alleged plot will shortly be forwarded to the Department of Justice in Washington, according to the expectation of Hoyne.

Hoyne refused to reveal the name of the man who confessed the conspiracy. Such a revelation, he declared, would undoubtedly result in the informer being assassinated.

The evidence in Hoyne's possession indicates that groups of anarchists met in principal cities recently and decided by lot which of their number should go abroad to poison a royal. Each ruler was to be poisoned.

Hoyne unearthed facts leading to the discovery of the plot during his investigation of the "poison soup banquet" here at which Joan Cronos, arch-anarchist, attempted to poison a lady, Alexander and a large number of prominent Chicago men by putting arsenic in the soup. Cronos, who is still at large, is declared to be involved in the scheme to slay all kings.

CIRCLE REACHES BAY.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—A conspiracy to assassinate J. Pierpont Morgan and other New York financiers who have been active in the formation of syndicates for the shipping of war munitions to Europe, has been rumored in this city, although government officials, detectives, and secret service men deny absolutely that the plot has been brought to their attention. The statements emanating from unnamed sources were to the effect that a branch of a country-wide organization had been established on the Pacific coast linking together Portland, Seattle and San Francisco, from which a letter, threatening death, had been sent through the mails.

Don Rathbone, special agent for the Department of Justice, who would be expected to investigate such matters, declared this morning that he had never heard of the conspiracy.

"I know absolutely nothing about and do not believe it," he declared.

OFFICERS DENY.

Secret Service Agent Harry Moffitt said: "I certainly would know something about it, if such an inquiry were on foot. I have not heard even a whisper of such an investigation in this vicinity."

Similar statements were made by the postoffice inspector, who would naturally have charge of such an inquiry involving improper letters sent through the mails, and the Pinkerton Detective agency, which was credited with making an inquiry. The Pinkertons asserted that their Pacific coast office had never heard of the matter.

Soldiers in Need of Smoked Glasses?

Sister Susie's shirts for soldiers are in the discard. It's not shirts they need—it's smoked glasses! at Jewel in Mexico. This is the opinion of the Humphreys Club, a fraternal organization, which will entertain at Carpenter's hall, Fruitvale, to raise funds to buy glasses for American soldiers in Mexico. The affair is in charge of E. Brewis, R. Sourz, R. Gilbert, president of the club, H. Bolesworth, vice-president.

TIME TABLE FOR FILMS AT FRANKLIN

The following table gives the exact time of commencement of every picture to be shown at the Franklin Theatre next week. If you desire to see the feature picture from the beginning, consult the time table before leaving for the theatre.

Sun., Mon. and Tues.

April 9th, 10th and 11th.

Norma Talmadge and Seena Owen in "Martha's Vindication," D. W. Griffith-Triangle Play; Joe Jackson in "Gypsy Joe," Triangle-Keystone Comedy; Selig-Tribune News Pictures.

Gypsy Joe	1:15
Martha's Vindication	1:45
Selig-Tribune	3:00
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Selig-Tribune	5:00
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Selig-Tribune	9:00
Gypsy Joe	9:15
Martha's Vindication	9:45
Selig-Tribune	11:00

Wed., Thu., Fri. and Sat.

April 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th.

Frank Mills in "The Moral Fabric," Thos. H. Ince-Triangle Play; Charles Murray in "A Love Riot," Triangle-Keystone Comedy; Selig-Tribune News Pictures.

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IN WLD FRACAS

Nine-Inning Rough-house Results in 15 to 12 Win for Rowdy's Men.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 8.—In a wild rough-house game that lasted three hours and butted in close quarters, the Oakland Oaks squashed the Bees 15 to 12 and set up the season record for runs and hits. It was another cold day which accounted for much of the wildness of the twisters and the six mis-cues.

Salt Lake fans have now a wholesome respect for "Rowdy" without a warrior who appear to be getting better every day.

The visitors apparently clinched the game in the 11th inning when the Bees came from behind with rallies and tie it up. The Oaks were not to be denied, however, and when the ninth came they raced three men over the plate just by way of settling the argument.

The feature of the Oakland victory was the batting of the "Rowdy" "Rowdy" Lane, Kenworthy, Gardner, Barry, Elliott and Davis got fourteen hits between them, and the Oaks every blasted one of them count. Gardner led the hitting with four safeties.

"Jap" Barbeau, the midge first sacker, involving the best and only hit that appeared here for many a day. He has only missed hitting on the bags three times in the three games he has been here. He doesn't hit, he smashes. He got a walk or be hit by a pitched ball. Salt Lake pitchers can't cope him out.

Kenworthy, the "Rowdy" who yesterday by spearing a line drive one hand from the bat of Dutch Reuther and doubling a runner at second.

"Doc" Mander, the pitcher for the Oaks but was baited out and Ed Klein, Oakland's only southpaw, mounted the throne. He lashed out the eighth when "Speed" Barry went down with a home run, and ranked in favor of Sammy Beer.

The Oaks knocked the stuffing out of Alameda and Mullins, winning the game easily from Long Tom Hughes himself.

The score:

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